



Dear Parents,

We are excited to have your teen join us on our 3rd annual Leadership Retreat! The retreat will be held up at Camp Cedar Glen in Julian. It is one of the nicest retreat centers in the county boasting a rock-climbing tower, archery range, pool, Zip Line and more. Below you will find information to help make everything go as smoothly as possible. Please contact us if you need financial assistance, we are always happy to help.

**What goes on:** Retreat, by its very nature, is to get away from it all. Leave home, homework, TV, Computers, Cell Phones, FB, Texting, Sports, and the like behind. We usually pick a camp that is secluded and allow the teens time to decompress. Our goal is to develop leaders within our ministry and to form a strong bond with other teens within The Gathering as well as a deeper commitment to Christ. They often come from different schools and rarely have time to get to know one another. We will also deal with current issues they are confronted with at school and among their peer groups. The new friendships will help them stand firm in their moral convictions as the retreat will help reset their compass.

#### **Information:**

- Turn in permission slip (download from website). Cost: \$195.00 (Payment plans & scholarships available)
- We will stop for dinner on the way up to camp. Please send your teen with some spending money for dinner. When planning think Panda Express, Subway, Rubios etc..
- You may always check our FB page for pictures during the retreat. We try to post a few so you can follow along.
- Contact Info: [Bob@gatheringministry.com](mailto:Bob@gatheringministry.com) or his cell at 858-336-8203.
- Camp Cedar Glen Info: PO Box 2500, 743 Farmers Rd, Julian. 760-765-0477.
- Emergency Number: Bob's Cell 858-336-8203
- It is cold up there this time of year with temps falling to freezing. Please pack a jacket and warm clothes. Just keep an eye on the weather as the weekend draws near.
- There are beds, but the teens will need to pack sleeping bags and pillows.
- Note: *Your teen will have limited use of their phones. We will collect them at night as well as shut them down during talks.*

#### **Parent Schedule:**

Friday, January 25th

5:45pm Check-In (All Hallows Upper Parking Lot or St Charles Parking lot)

6:00pm Leave for Camp

Sunday, January 27th

11:00 Teens Leave Camp for Gathering Hall

12:15 Arrive back. Please pick up your teen from the Church parking lot they departed from. There is no greet-out or sharing after this retreat.

#### **Packing**

- Sleeping Bag and Pillow
- Flash Light (optional but very helpful)
- WARM clothes (We are in the Mtns and evening temps can be low 30s)
- A Bible (we will have extras)
- Clothes to get 'grubby in'
- A good attitude
- Tennis or Hiking Shoes
- Towel & Toiletries